

Powers Told To Confess If Caught

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George V. Allen, director of the United States Information Agency, said yesterday the pilot of the ill-fated U.S. spy plane was under orders to admit his intelligence role if captured by the Russians.

Allen conceded one of the very difficult problems raised by the incident was the effect on Free-World nations with United States air bases inside their borders. In the future, he said, "these allies will be much more concerned" about United States planes taking off from such bases.

Allen also belittled speculation that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev might try to stage a propaganda coup by turning over the pilot, Francis G. Powers, to American authorities at the Summit.

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He predicted on a television program, College News Conference (ABC-WMAI), that Khrushchev will hold Powers "close to his chest for a while."

Allen said Powers was not the conventional type of espionage agent in that he freely admitted he was on an intelligence mission when his plane was knocked down and he was captured.

He said he understood that Power's ready admission was in line with instruction from his superiors.

Statement Corrected

Allen also denied that Secretary of State Christian A. Herter had said U.S. flights over Russian would continue. Associated Press reported. He declared that Herter on Thursday "said that there is an obligation and responsibility on the part of the United States Government and of the Free World to try to obtain information to guard against surprise attack, but he has not said we are going to continue to fly."

[Allen asserted "there has been a great misunderstanding that I would be concerned about what Herter said"]

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